

Climate Action Advisory Committee MEETING AGENDA

The Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC) will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order, which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. CAAC members will be teleconferencing into the CAAC meeting. Members of the public who wish to listen to the CAAC meeting may do so via the following teleconference call-in number and access code:

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Instructions for Public Comment: Please submit any comments in writing to Drew Nichols at drew.nichols@scta.ca.gov by 9:30am on July 10 (please identify the agenda item related to your comment and indicate whether your comment should be read aloud or only submitted for the record).

July 10, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority
Meeting location: Zoom, information provided above.

ITEM

1. Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Administrative – Approval of April 10th, 2020 meeting notes*
4. Report-out from attendees (1 minute each)
5. Sonoma County 2030 Climate Emergency Mobilization Strategy Framework*
 - 5.1. Gather input on June 2020 Working Draft: https://rcpa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2030_EmergencyPolicyPackage_Framework_June-2020_DRAFT.pdf
6. RCPA update on activities
7. Announcements
8. Adjourn

*Materials attached.

**Materials to be handed out.

The next **SCTA/RCPA** meeting will be held **July 13, 2020**
The next **CAAC** meeting will be held **October 9, 2020**

CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of April 10th, 2020

ITEM

1. Introductions

Meeting called to order at 11:38 p.m. by Brant Arthur.

Committee Members:

Guests:

Staff: Suzanne Smith; Brant Arthur; Tanya Narath; Drew Nichols;

2. Public Comment

Suzanne Smith announced Tanya Narath has been asked, and accepted, to serve as interim Director of Climate Programs for the next six months.

Tanya Narath expressed her excitement for this new role.

Kerry Fugett wondered about a status update on County CAO office hiring a climate position.

Suzanne Smith responded the guess is it has been delayed, but no information has been provided. The climate ad hoc committee, however, has been deferred for the time being.

Tom Conlon add the County's HR system did forecast a position coming soon, but no announcement on a specific date has been made yet.

3. Administrative - Approval of prior meeting notes – January 10, 2020

Approved as submitted.

4. Report-out from attendees

Bill Mattinson reported Sebastopol has put out a call for volunteers for a new climate committee.

Christopher Peck reported there were no updates from Windsor, and spoke on the reimagining of what this will look like when this is over.

Kerry Fugett reported on a partnership with Sunrise and how to mobilize virtually for the Earth Day climate strike.

Ms. Fugett further noted that this mobilization effort will have a blend of national and local content created by the community.

Ms. Fugett also commented on the resilience gardens, and looking at options to move resources to a digital platform.

Kevin Conway reported on the Climate Summit, which been postponed to September 20. The organization will determine by mid-July if the summit will still will happen.

The Friends of the Climate Action Plan is interested in continuing the work already being done so far.

Mr. Conway reported on a recent meeting with Santa Rosa Councilmember Chris Roger on the climate action topic. The meeting was regarded productive, and they discussed the goal setting and climate action subcommittee. These are currently on hold for the time being.

Councilmember Rogers affirmed that climate will be a tier one goal for Santa Rosa and spoke further on Urban Greening, the permitting of new gas stations, and the possible influx of money from PG&E lawsuit.

Steve Birdleough commented that the transportation picture has looked good as far as VMT and GHG emissions are concerned over the past couple weeks. As people get comfortable meeting remotely, there may be a shift coming

when this pandemic is over into more telecommuting options.

Mr. Birdlebough further commented on local transportation picture for the (Measure M) sales tax extension and sequencing projects so the projects with the greatest GHG reduction potential are built first, and not lost at the end of the cycle.

Tom Conlon reported on continued connection with new Sustainability Coordinator with the City of Sonoma. This is a new position and is not currently receiving priority or oversight.

A Climate Emergency Resolution has been drafted, and recommended for approval. However, this is now paused.

Mr. Conlon further reported on the conversations to review the citizen municipal GHG inventory.

The City of Sonoma is also planning a special meeting to discuss eviction protections, UGB renewal, and development code updates. These items are poised to be a status update with no action to be taken.

On the county level, Mr. Conlon further commented on the work with the Measure M group and the work to help with drafting a ballot measure that will have support.

Sierra Club launched a website as an organizational hub for connecting local activist. The idea is it would support work similar to the CAAC and figuring out what is going on locally between the CAAC meetings.

Lastly, the Sustainable Sonoma Council has distributed a survey and Mr. Conlon commented on responses.

Merrilyn Joyce commented on rate-payer incentives and noted observations at grocery stores that reusable bags are currently not

permitted and instead are using plastic or paper bags.

Steve Pierce announced that the application period for the climate advisory committee in Sebastopol was due in late March. Only a few applications were received, and the application period has been extended for a couple more weeks.

Mr. Pierce was curious to see what developments there are and if the City feels they have enough applications.

Valerie Quinto reported on continued work on carbon farming efforts.

Additionally, Ms. Quinto announced excitement on a local compost application project at a local dairy. The idea is supporting having restaurants invest in climate change solutions in the agricultural lands and hopefully framed as a possible marketing opportunity for restaurants.

5. Update on Sonoma County 2018 Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Tanya Narath updated the committee on the status of the 2018 GHG inventory update.

This update will follow the ICLEI protocol to keep alignment with the previous inventories; this will also allow for better comparison.

As well, the update will include elements from the VMT travel model data, and emissions factors from PG&E and Sonoma Clean Power.

Ms. Narath announced RCPA aims to publish the inventory in summer 2020 and will help with city-specific data for their planning purposes.

RCPA is also planning to provide a consumption-based inventory report and will share with the committee on what it looks like relative to activity-based emissions.

Valerie Quinto commented that during the development of the Climate Action Plan, the RCDs provided information to help adjust the methane emission in the dairies, and offered support and feedback.

Kevin Conway wondering if the emissions by SMART are mitigated by the passengers using it.

Ms. Narath responded that SMART did some calculations for the ballot measure communications around the avoided VMT due to SMART.

In terms of the inventory from RCPA, the inventory will be general and SMART's methodology can help explain what has been off-set.

Tom Conlon commented on the municipal inventory, noting the City of Sonoma does not have the funds available so this effort is volunteer based, and wondered if the work on community wide inventory could support the cities in doing a municipal inventory.

Ms. Narath responded that RCPA is not planning on doing a separate municipal inventory, but will include municipal emissions.

6. RCPA update on activities

Tanya Narath reported on the postponement of the ULI Resiliency Panel. There has been no new date set, but Staff will keep the committee aware of any changes.

There are discussions of using an alternative form for the event and how to achieve the results as if it was an in-person meeting.

Ms. Narath also announced the BayREN Water Bill Savings Program has been rebranded as *Water Upgrades \$ave*.

In terms of program coordination, Staff are meeting with Ag + Open Space to talk about carbon sequestration efforts. It is moving forward, but not much movement since COVID-19.

Staff continue to work with the Energy and Sustainability Division and with Sonoma Clean Power on EV101 and the Advanced Energy Center.

RCPA continues to stay engaged with USDN.

Brant Arthur further commented on engaging more groups and entities in the CAAC.

Kevin Conway asked who is the representative for USDN and if cities have their own representative.

Ms. Narath responded that she has taken over as the county representative and is not aware of any other cities signing up being members. In the near term, if a city has a question, the RCPA can check in on the network.

7. Announcements

Tom Conlon commented on a recent discussion with state Senator McGuire's Chief of Staff about the question of gas station permits, and the consideration to put a moratorium on these permits.

Mr. Conlon recalled the Chief of staff could not recall a time during her time with the City of Santa Rosa that the City received an application permit, but now four or five projects pending.

Mr. Conlon expressed an interest in the feedback if this is a broader phenomenon and would look into this topic further.

8. Adjourn

The committee adjourned at 12:32 p.m.